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FAIR GROVE, MO., MAN PLEADS GUILTY TO ILLEGAL POSSESSION OF FIREARM

KANSAS CITY, Mo. – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that a Fair Grove, Mo., man pleaded guilty in federal court today to illegally possessing several firearms.

Robert J. Lacher, 44, of Fair Grove, pleaded guilty before U.S. District Judge Richard E. Dorr this morning to being a felon in possession of a firearm.

By pleading guilty, **Lacher** admitted that he possessed a Mossberg 12-gauge shotgun, a Fuger .22-caliber rifle, a Marline 30/30-caliber rifle, a Marlin .35-caliber rifle, two Remington rifles, a H&R 12-gauge shotgun, a Marlin .22-caliber rifle and a Llama .45-caliber handgun on April 1, 2004, in Dallas County, Mo. Under federal statutes, Graves explained, it is illegal for any felon to be in possession of any firearm or ammunition. **Lacher** has a 1991 criminal felony conviction for driving while intoxicated and a 1988 criminal felony conviction for burglary.

Under federal statutes, Graves explained, **Lacher** may be subject to a maximum sentence of up to 10 years in federal prison without parole, plus a fine up to \$250,000. His sentence will be determined according to the United States Sentencing Guidelines. A sentencing hearing will be scheduled after the completion of a presentence investigation by the United States Probation Office.

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Richard Monroe. It was investigated by the Dallas County, Mo., Sheriff's Department and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives.

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